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*To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY
DISTRICTS OF EAST BERKS.*

GENTLEMEN,

On the 30th June, 1944, your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Paterson, retired on reaching the age of 65 years and after serving you for thirty-three years. I was privileged to be his successor, and commenced my duties on the 1st August.

To those who knew Dr. Paterson it was not surprising news that, instead of proceeding to enjoy a well-earned rest, he immediately "joined up," and went to the Middle East as one of the principal medical personnel of U.N.R.R.A. It was, however, surprising and bitterly sad news that came in October. Dr. Paterson—"Dr. Pat," "the Doc," the friend of so many both inside and outside of Berkshire—was dead. He died suddenly at Bari, in Italy, on the 24th October, 1944, less than four months after his retiral from East Berks.

Since my appointment I have spent much time reading over his reports and correspondence. They date back to 1911. They are the work of a forceful, original and dominant personality; and, at the same time, his correspondence throughout the thirty-three years shows him to have been essentially tolerant and kindly.

I hope that I may follow worthily in his footsteps and serve you as well.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W B Moore

Medical Officer of Health.

"The Wilderness,"

Cookham Road, Maidenhead.

(Tel. No. 549).

August, 1945.

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for the Year 1945.

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East Berks United Sanitary Districts

CONSTITUTION OF THE DISTRICTS.

This has been described in previous Reports and need not be repeated.
(See Report for 1941, page 4.)

The following accounts ranking as expenses of office were passed for payment :—

					£	s.	d.
Printing of Annual Report	...	...	...	...	57	16	0
General Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	35	9	6
M.O.H. Postages and Petty Cash	...	...	...	...	18	9	10
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	...	...	...	...	20	0	2
Total for 1944-45					£131	15	6
Corresponding Total for 1943-44	...	...	...	...	£148	14	6
„ „ „ 1942-43	...	...	...	...	£108	7	5
„ „ „ 1941-42	...	...	...	...	£127	5	8
„ „ „ 1940-41	...	...	...	...	£120	2	5
„ „ „ 1939-40	...	...	...	...	£159	2	6

TABLE OF COMPARISON OF THE MAIN VITAL STATISTICS OF THE
EAST BERKS SANITARY DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE
POPULATIONS.

<i>Rates.</i>	<i>England and Wales.</i>	<i>Great Towns.</i>	<i>Smaller Towns (Pop. 25,000 to 50,000)</i>	<i>London.</i>	<i>Maiden- head Borough.</i>
Live Births ...	17.6	20.3	20.9	15.0	17.7
Still Births ...	0.5	0.64	0.61	0.42	0.47
Deaths... ..	11.6	13.7	12.4	15.7	13.6
Infant Deaths	46	52	44	61	40

<i>Rates.</i>	<i>Woking- ham Borough.</i>	<i>Cookham Rural District.</i>	<i>East- hampstead Rural District.</i>	<i>Windsor Rural District.</i>	<i>Woking- ham Rural District.</i>
Live Births ...	18.0	16.5	16.3	17.1	17.8
Still Births ...	0.48	0.4	0.38	0.44	0.36
Deaths... ..	16.5	11.17	13.04	13.8	10.6
Ifannt Deaths	20	38	43	36	34

Maidenhead Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	5,026
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1944	6,883
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	£215,110
Produce of a Penny Rate	£860

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of:—

(a) Population at middle of 1944	25,460
(b) Population at middle of 1939	23,200

BIRTHS.

Live Births.

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate	187	217
Illegitimate	30	17
Total	217	234

Live Birth Rate.

17.7 (13.75 in 1939).

Still Births.

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate	6	6
Illegitimate	—	—
Total	6	6

Still Birth Rate.

0.47 (0.56 in 1939).

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
347	171	176

Death Rate.

13.6 (11.3 in 1939).

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
18	10	8

Infant Death Rate.

40 (33 in 1939).

Maternal Deaths.

Nil. (1 in 1939).

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	Males.	Females.
					11	7
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	3	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.9 (0.4 in 1939).
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0.7 (0.4 in 1939).
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0.2 (0.04 in 1939).

CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD URBAN DISTRICT, 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						Males.	Females.
ALL CAUSES						171	176
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	11	7
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	3	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	2
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	1
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	—	4
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	4	5
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	20	14
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	3	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	15	19
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	44	56
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	6	9
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	5	7
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	9	10
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	3	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	4	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	1	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	3	3
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	3	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	2	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	3	2
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	3	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	4	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	7	6
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	15	17

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION.

A Clinic is held at "The Wilderness" on the first Saturday of the month for immunising children against Diphtheria. During 1944, 317 children received the full course of treatment and the total number of children immunised since 1940, including those done at the schools, is 4,082.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1944.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases ad- mitted Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid [and Paratyphoid Fevers)	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	2 (1)	1	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	7	4	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	29 (2)	20	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	12	0	0

Brackets () indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1944.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	3	2	6	10	4	1	2	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	3	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1940-1944.

<i>Disease.</i>				1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	10	4	2	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	30	70	15	7	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	5	1	0	1	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	8	4	0	1	2
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	1
Measles	...	...	...	266	167	21	220	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	13	5	7	5	3
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	22	1	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	4	5	7	0	7
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	39	40	67	162	29
Smallpox...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	1	46	2	31	12

TUBERCULOSIS

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year are set out in the table below :—

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1—5 years ...	3	—	2	3	—	—	—	1
5—15 „ ...	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	7	4	1	1	1	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	6	17	—	1	1	2	—	—
35—45 „ ...	5	1	—	—	5	2	—	—
45—55 „ ...	5	3	—	—	3	1	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals ...	28	26	5	5	13	8	1	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 23=13.04%.

MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Maidenhead Borough Isolation Hospital serves the East Berks Districts and also the Borough of Windsor. Details of Staff, etc., were given in the Report for 1939 at pages 19-20.

Admissions during the Year 1944.

Districts.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Other Cases.	Total.
Maidenhead U.D. ...	20	1	28	49
Wokingham U.D. ...	7	0	1	8
Cookham R.D. ...	20	2	15	37
Easthampstead R.D. ...	39	0	4	43
Windsor R.D. ...	16	3	7	26
Wokingham R.D. ...	37	11	7	55
*Windsor U.D. ...	10	1	33	44
Total, 1944 ...	149	18	95	262
„ 1943 ...	346	26	65	437
„ 1942 ...	194	43	44	281

* Including the following cases transferred from King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor :

Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Other Cases.	Total.
1	0	5	6

Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1944.

Salaries and Wages—						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Medical Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	143	7	1			
Nursing and Staff (including dress allowances)	...	...	...	...	...	2005	4	11			
Porters, Gardeners, Cleaners	...	...	...	...	...	729	19	1			
						<hr/>			2877	19	1
Medical Attendance	...	...	...	...	...				6	16	6
Treatment in other Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...				—	—	—
Analysis Fees	...	...	...	...	...				120	0	0
Drugs, Medicines and Appliances	...	...	...	...	...				257	1	9
Provisions	...	...	...	...	...				1235	7	6
Ambulance : Maintenance	...	...	...	...	...				268	19	7
						<hr/>			4766	4	5
Miscellaneous—											
Clothing, Bedding, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	71	2	6			
Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	199	15	6			
Disinfectants	...	...	...	...	...	16	6	11			
Printing, Stationery, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	6	14	3			
Telephones	...	...	...	...	...	24	0	6			
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	3			
						<hr/>			357	19	11
Buildings and Grounds, etc.—											
Repairs and Maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	204	6	7			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	262	4	0			
Fuel, Light and Cleaning Materials	...	...	...	...	...	659	7	11			
Furniture and Ironmongery	...	...	...	...	...	34	17	1			
Depot and Overhead Charges	...	...	...	...	...	80	15	4			
War Damage Contribution and Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	39	1	6			
						<hr/>			1280	12	5
						<hr/>			6404	16	9
Loan Charges—											
Principal	691	1	9			
Interest	473	12	1			
						<hr/>			1163	13	10
						<hr/>			£7568	10	7
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Total, for 1943				£6732	9	5
„ 1942				£7395	17	2
„ 1941				£6574	10	4
„ 1940				£6576	16	1

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Health Visiting.

The following is a summary of the visits paid by the Health Visitors during the year:—

To expectant mothers:

First visits	...	...	...	55
Total visits	...	...	...	88

To children under 1 year:

First visits	388
Total visits	2459

To children between 1 and 5 years:

Total visits	2110
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Child Life Protection.

Number of homes on register	8
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Number of children on register	29
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Infant Welfare Centres.

Record of attendances during the year:

		<i>Under</i>	<i>1-5</i>	<i>Total.</i>
		<i>1 year.</i>	<i>years.</i>	
(a) The Wilderness	...	2,862	1,780	4,642
(b) Burberry Hall	...	1,734	645	2,280

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of attendances during the year: 178.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the Borough continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. Sixty-four bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water, all of which were returned as satisfactory. Two chemical analyses were made, which showed the water to be pure but hard (total hardness 32, temporary hardness 24.5, permanent hardness 7.5). Practically all the houses in the Borough are connected to the mains. Twelve connections were made to domestic premises during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

About 90% of the houses in the Borough are connected to the sewers leaving 10% draining to cesspools. The whole of the works on the Council's main drainage scheme have now been completed, and the extensions to the Sewage Disposal Works are in full operation. The

flow to the Sewage Works continues to increase, and the Borough Surveyor is of the opinion that further extensions to the Disposal Works may be necessary in the near future.

Difficulty has been experienced in disposing of the whole of the sewage sludge, and the Council is considering the advisability of installing a Sludge Digestion Plant.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Borough Surveyor reports as follows :—

“ House refuse collection is causing the Council considerable anxiety. The labour position is more acute than ever, and there have been times when the collection of house refuse has been delayed for several weeks. In consequence, a large proportion of the dustbins have become infested with fly maggots, and a considerable increase in the number of house flies is noticeable. House refuse continues to be disposed of by composting with sewage sludge for the production of an agricultural compost.”

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH.

Following is the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

SUMMARY.

Visits and Re-visits to premises	...	...	...	...	...	5,679
Number of Formal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	62
„ „ Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	437
„ „ Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	401
Complaints received and attended to	...	...	...	...	...	200
Drains tested with water	...	...	...	...	...	19
„ „ „ smoke	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains passed after examination (sewer connections, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	11
<i>Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :</i>						
Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	10
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	150
Damp premises	...	...	...	...	...	17
Defective and insufficient cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ Chimney-stacks	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ Drains	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ Foul and choked W.C. pans	...	...	...	...	...	27
„ and insufficient inspection chambers	...	...	...	...	...	15

Defective Eaves, gutters and stackpipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
„ Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ Flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
„ Grates and coppers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
„ Lavatory basins and sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ Plaster (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
„ Soil and ventilating pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ Water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ Windows, skylights and doors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Dirty walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ Tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Water-closet chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Foul and defective waste pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Insufficient Light to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
„ Ventilation to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Leaky roofs and fillets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Urinals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Notification to Water Co., <i>re</i> waste of water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public and private Library books disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Rooms disinfected after—								
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
School Exclusion Notices sent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Verminous Rooms disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Wasps Nests destroyed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18

LIST OF ARTICLES STEAM DISINFECTED AT THE ISOLATION
HOSPITAL.

Articles of Bedding	...	164	Rugs	...	...	...	14
Blankets	...	1754	Cushions	...	...	...	15
Bolsters and Pillows	...	1184	Drums of Dressing	...	...	...	7
Bundles of Bedding	...	2	Mattresses	...	...	...	2493
Clothing (bundles)	...	21	Miscellaneous...	...	...	...	50
„ (articles)	...	53					

BAKEHOUSES.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Contraventions of Factories Act discovered and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

CINEMAS.

No. of Premises	...	...	2	Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	5
No. of Inspections	...	...	12	Nuisances remedied	...	...	...	5

COMMON LODGING HOUSE.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Contraventions of Bye-Laws discovered and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Retail producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Retail purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Retailers (Milkshops, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Dealer's Bottling Licence—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Distributor's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Licence to Pasteurise Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk (renewed)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Contraventions of the above Order discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101

FACTORIES.

No. on Register—

Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
„ without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
<i>No. of Inspections :</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	152
„ without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45

						<i>Defects Discovered.</i>	<i>Defects Remedied.</i>
Want of cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—
Unreasonable temperature	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—
Inadequate ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—
„ means of escape in case of fire	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
„ „ unsuitable or defective	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
„ „ not separate for the sexes	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other offences	...	...	...	...	...	7	7
Means of escape in case of fire, provided and Certificates granted	...	...	...	...	...		3

FOOD PREMISES.

No. of Inspections	556
Contraventions	7

KNACKER'S YARD.

Visits for Inspection	19
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The yard has been effectually screened with corrugated iron fencing, and the yard surface asphalted.

CENTRAL SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

The following is a summary of the animals slaughtered and the meat condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED.

Beasts	...	...	1,014	Pigs	...	...	72
Calves	...	...	1,363	Sheep	...	...	3,541

If on post-mortem examination any calf is found to be affected with tuberculosis, notification is sent to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Animal Health Division.

UNSOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

MEAT.

Carcases and parts of Carcases :	<i>Tuberculosis.</i>	<i>Other causes.</i>	<i>Total Weight.</i>
Beasts	12,775lbs.	1,908lbs.	14,683lbs.
Calves	46lbs.	204lbs.	250lbs.
Sheep	—	177½lbs.	177½lbs.
Pigs	399lbs.	804lbs.	1,203lbs.
Offal :			
Beasts	6,839lbs.	3,335½lbs.	10,174½lbs.
Calves	10lbs.	41½lbs.	51½lbs.
Sheep	—	525lbs.	525lbs.
Pigs	56½lbs.	103½lbs.	160lbs.
Grand Total			27,224½lbs.

Equals 12 tons 3 cwt. 0 qr. 8½lbs.

OTHER FOODS.

Bacon	305lbs.	Eggs	268
Cheese	22lbs.	Fish Cakes	120
Cooking Fat	1½lbs.	Potato Cakes	19
Dried Eggs	2lbs.	Shrimps	3 galls.
Fish	3,635lbs.	Various Foods	1,615 tins.
Lentils	85lbs.	„ „	295 pkts.
Margarine	11lbs.	„ „	78 jars.
Meat	313½lbs.	„ „	4 bottles.
Oats (Rolled)	11lbs.		
Rusks	56lbs.		
Potatoes	8,624lbs.		
Rabbits	250lbs.		
Rice	21lbs.		
Sausages	129lbs.		
„ (Goteborg)	6lbs.		
Semolina	371lbs.		
Sweets	15½lbs.		
Soya Flour	80lbs.		
Tripe	123lbs.		
Sugar	21lbs.		
Spice	4lbs.		

tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.
14,086½lbs. (6 5 0 2½)

FOOD DECONTAMINATION.

Exercises have been continued and visits paid outside the district to witness demonstrations, all of which are useful in keeping the personnel interested and up-to-date with the methods to be employed should the

occasion arise. In addition, Mr. Bishop, the Deputy Food Decontamination Officer, attended an Anti-Gas Course arranged by the Ministry of Home Security held at Falfield from the 1st to the 6th May.

RODENT CONTROL.

Two trained Rodent Operators have been employed during the year on the extermination of rats and mice.

In addition to investigating complaints of infestation received from day to day, treatment of the Borough on the block control system was commenced.

Much of the expense of Rodent Control work is irrecoverable for various reasons. The original Survey is now out-of-date by the time that treatment of a block is due to commence and, in order to deal effectively with these areas, each block must be re-surveyed immediately prior to treatment.

Much time and effort is expended on investigating complaints and reports of infestations which prove to be incorrect or in which, after laying test baits, it is found that the complaint is not justified.

Although excellent results have been achieved, greater success could be attained and heartier co-operation received from the public if the cost of the work involved could be made a charge on the rates, as is common with other essential services rendered by the Health Department, as it is found in many cases that persons on learning that a charge will be made, refrain from reporting the presence of rodents on their premises, thus acting as a deterrent to the effective treatment of an infested area, and likely to result in reinfestations.

In addition, much time is taken up in keeping accounts and endeavouring to recover monies in settlement of accounts.

I append below a resume of the work carried out during the year.

					<i>Rats.</i>	<i>Mice.</i>
Number of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	259	54
Visits of inspection : Complaints	...	...	...	...	668	54
" " " Survey	...	...	...	...	105	101
Visits for extermination : Complaints	...	...	...	...	1,533	82
" " " Survey	...	...	...	...	557	130
Total premises treated	...	...	...	...	332	154
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	332	154
Cases of re-infestation	...	...	...	...	47	7

SHOP PREMISES.

Number of Shops on Register	...	...	...	...	...	629
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	102
Contraventions of Public Health Acts discovered	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ „ „ „ „ remedied	...	...	...	...	...	5

(Signed) W. E. HARDING,
Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 148
 - Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 161
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... Nil
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 95
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 61
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*
 - A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 5
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :
 - (a) By Owners ... 8
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	34
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :				
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	29
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>

C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

There is still a number of cases of serious overcrowding in the district, and whilst every effort is made to relieve the most urgent cases, little can be done in a general way until more housing accommodation is available.

Wokingham
Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,346
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£57,804
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£230

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :								
(a) Population at middle of 1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,323
(b) Population at middle of 1939	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,546

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	69
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	78

Live Birth Rate.
18.0 (12.99 in 1939).

<i>Still Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3

Still Birth Rate.
0.48 (0.6 in 1939).

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>							<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
							137	72	65

Death Rate.
16.5 (15.7 in 1939).

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>							<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
							4	1	3

Infant Death Rate.
20 (39 in 1939).

Maternal Deaths.
Nil. (1 in 1939).

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.2	(0.5 in 1939).
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0.2	(0.26 in 1939).
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0.0	(0.26 in 1939).

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT, 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES						72	65
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	—
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	—	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	—	2
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	9	9
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	13	5
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	18	19
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	2	1
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	1	1
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	—
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	5	1
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	—	3
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	2	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	1	2
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	15	12

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was 91. Previous to 1944 there had been 1381 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 1472.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1944.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1944.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	1	1	1
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Scarley Fever	15	7	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1944.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Enteric Fever ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever ...		-	-	-	-	-	7	4	1	1	1	1	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1940-44.

				1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	2	2	0	1	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	10	6	0	3	0
Encephalitis Legargica	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	9	6	1	0	1
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	236	93	8	4	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	2	0	1	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	7	4	3	1	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	2	0	3	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	21	6	3	41	15
Smallpox...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	2	21	2	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
35—45 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4	1	1	1	2	—	—	—

Percentage of non-notifiable cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

The mains supply is from the Mid-Wessex Water Company, whose reports show the water to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. There are still sixty to seventy houses supplied from shallow wells, which is a circumstance to be deplored.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Out of a total number of 2,346 inhabited houses 147 have only cess-pool drainage, and about 60 have only pail or earth closets. At least 90% of the houses are connected to the sewers.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1944.

Town Hall, Wokingham.

To Dr. W. B. Moore,

Medical Officer of Health.

The following premises used in connection with the preparation or sale of foods are licensed or registered in the Borough :—

Dairies, Cowsheds or Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	22
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	11

All these premises were regularly inspected and were found to be, in the main, well conducted.

The following tabular statement shows the number and nature of inspections carried out, with the result of such inspections :—

Number of premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	210
„ „ inspections and re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	875
„ „ complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	47
„ „ nuisances discovered as results of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	49
„ „ Notices served :						
Informal...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	0
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ premises on which nuisances were abated	...	...	...	...	...	42

Nature and Number of Nuisances abated :

As to drains and cesspools, water closets, sinks, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	23
„ „ drains connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ other Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	20

Number of inspections of factories	...	...	...	...	17
„ „ defects found and remedied	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ inspections of bakehouses	...	...	...	...	19
„ „ defects found and remedied	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ houses fumigated	...	...	...	...	17

A copy of Statement of Rainfall at Wokingham in 1944 is appended.

(Signed) ROLAND R. HOLE,
Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM IN 1944.

Month	Depth in inches	Greatest fall in 24 hours. Depth in inches	Date	No. of days with	
				.01 or more ins.	.04 or more ins.
January ...	1.46	.39	22nd	9	8
February	.83	.45	16th	7	5
March ...	.13	.07	14th	4	1
April ...	1.14	.38	3rd	10	7
May ...	.32	.12	13th	5	4
June ...	1.65	.41	26th	13	10
July ...	1.71	.38	21st	13	11
August ...	1.01	.29	19th	9	8
September	2.51	.55	2nd	13	10
October ...	3.71	.61	16th	19	12
November	3.90	.63	17th	22	20
December	1.61	.73	16th	12	8
	19.98			136	104

COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year.	Total Rainfall in inches.			Number of days with .01" or more.		
1943	20.20	...	...	124
1942	21.81	...	...	124
1941	25.84	...	...	135
1940	24.65	...	...	141
1939	24.67	...	...	159
Average for 44 years	25.51	...	...	168

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Nine inspections were made under the provisions of the Shops Acts, 1934. Two contraventions were discovered and have since been remedied.

CAMPING SITES.

There are at present no sites in the Borough licensed as Camping Sites under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action is called for in this District in regard to Smoke Abatement under the Act of 1926.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS.

A description of the excellent (privately owned) Swimming Baths and Children's Pool was given in the corresponding paragraph in the Report for 1937, at page 95. The same amenities and facilities were available during the year under review.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

Conditions to which attention should be given when the war emergency is over, were included in the corresponding paragraph of the Report for 1940.

HOUSING.

Inspection of dwelling houses has been carried on as far as possible, and essential repairs insisted upon by informal action.

The number of houses at present owned by the Borough Council is 79.

Number of houses erected during the year 1941—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	...	Nil
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :		
(1) By the Local Authority	... ..	Nil
(2) By other bodies or persons	... ..	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	67
Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	151

(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	31
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	35
2.	<i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—</i>						
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	...	...	...	...	14
3.	<i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—</i>						<i>None taken</i>
4.	<i>Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :—</i>						<i>No action</i>

DISINFESTATION.

Disinfestation was carried out at 15 dwellings during the course of the year.

Materials used were "Cimex" blocks and "Zaldecide."

In all cases, repairs of an essential nature were carried out by the Owners of the properties and fumigation was carried out by Council employees before, during and after such repairs.

A letter from the M.O.H. was sent to all owners and occupiers of infested property drawing attention to their responsibilities and a marked improvement took place.

There were a considerable number of other properties which it was not found possible to treat during the year and although complaints of these pests ceased with the advent of the cold weather, it is anticipated that considerably more properties will be requiring attention during the forthcoming year.

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

		<i>Tuberculin</i>		<i>Pasteu-</i>	
		<i>Tested.</i>	<i>Accredited.</i>	<i>rised.</i>	
No. of Producers licensed	...	2	4	—	
,, , Retailers	...	6	1	1	
,, , Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	12	

Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :

Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Contraventions of Public Health Acts :

Discovered	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	<i>Nil</i>

Number of Inspections	27
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MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No licences were issued in respect of the five slaughterhouses in the Borough, general slaughtering being now carried out at Ministry of Food Regional establishments.

Periodic visits have been made to butchers' shops and all " cottagers' pigs " slaughtered under licence issued by the Ministry of Food have been inspected.

Fish stores are clean and well kept.

The 11 bakehouses in the Borough are all well kept and regularly lime-washed. It was not necessary to serve any formal notice with regard to food premises.

Cookham Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1944	3,584
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	£101,932
Produce of a Penny Rate	£423

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :

(a) Population at middle of 1944	13,960
(b) Population at middle of 1939	10,440

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	102	106	
Illegitimate	18	5	
Total	120	111	

Live Birth Rate.
16.5 (15.8 in 1939).

<i>Still Births.</i>		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	—	3	
Illegitimate	—	—	
Total	—	3	

Still Birth Rate.
0.4 (1.1 in 1939).

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	156	74	82

Death Rate.
11.17 (10.73 in 1939).

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	9	5	4

Infant Death Rate.
38. (35 in 1939).

Maternal Deaths.
Nil. (1 in 1939).

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.3	(0.2 in 1939).
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.2	(0.2 in 1939).
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.07	(Nil in 1939).

CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES						74	82
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	2	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	1
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	3
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	—	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	2
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	9	6
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	5	9
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	22	26
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	1	2
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	2	5
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4	—
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	—	—
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	—	1
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	1	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	2	2
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	—	1
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	3	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	—	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	4	2
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	13	11

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1940-1944.

<i>Disease.</i>				<i>1940.</i>	<i>1941.</i>	<i>1942.</i>	<i>1943.</i>	<i>1944.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	5	1	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	21	13	3	2	2
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	0	4	1	1	4
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	1
Measles	...	...	...	103	120	54	145	11
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	4	9	6	5	6
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	7	0	1	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	10	48	19	58	31
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	0	118	37	23	63

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>		NEW CASES.				DEATHS			
		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	„	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	„	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	„	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	„	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55	„	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
55—65	„	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	...	8	6	—	—	2	1	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—1 out of 3=33.33%.

WATER SUPPLY.

A full description of the water supply of the District was given in the Report for 1938 (page 117).

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1944.

Note.—"C"—Chemical. "B"—Bacteriological.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Site.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
8/2/44	"The Elms," "Poisson de Duc" Camp- ing Site, Hurley	B Good
8/2/44	Strande Castle, Cookham	B Good
14/6/44	Burfitt's Camping Ground, Hurley ...	C Good
14/6/44	Sweet Briar Cottage, Shepherd's Lane, Hurley	C Good
19/6/44	Ditto	B Good
19/6/44	Mill House, Hurley	B Passable
19/6/44	Camping Ground, Hurley Farm Dairy ...	B Good
19/6/44	Upper Island Camping Ground, Hurley	B Good
19/6/44	Lower Island Camping Ground, Hurley	B Good
19/6/44	Mill Lane Camping Ground, Hurley (Murray's Caravan)	B Good
4/7/44	Knowl Hill Common	B Unsatisfactory
4/7/44	Star Lane, Know Hill	B Unsatisfactory

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

WET SCAVENGING.

Council's vehicles consist of two 1,000 and one 750-gallon Dennis vacuum machines, the latter being a dual purpose vehicle with inter-changing refuse and cesspool emptying bodies.

Workmen employed are three drivers and two mates.

The contents are disposed of by broad irrigation at two disposal sites—one at Bray and the other at Cookham. A full-time workman is employed at Bray site and a part-time workman at Cookham.

The following Parishes are served by this Service : Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham.

By Resolution of the Council cesspools are not emptied more frequently than once a month.

Arising from the factors of sickness and excessive rainfall, the Cesspool Emptying Service was greatly in arrear during the months of November and December. To balance this, a vehicle was hired and a certain amount of relief was obtained in the position, but not a sufficient relief in accordance with Public Health requirements. Arising from this, I have to report that the existing service is insufficient, and as soon as circumstances permit should be increased to a minimum of four machines with the equivalent eight drivers and mates, for the serving on a normal basis of the existing Parishes which are cleansed.

DRY SCAVENGING.

This service has not been at all satisfactory. The amount of personnel available is fully 50% below the requirements for a fortnightly collection. It has also suffered from the fact that separate collections have to be made for the purpose of salvage.

The value of salvage collected and sold was £390 as against £1,141 for the previous year

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. K. Knowles) for the year ended 31st December, 1944 :—

“Oaklands,”
Bath Road,
Maidenhead.
(Tel. Maidenhead 252.)

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

A total of 5,076 visits and inspections were carried out during the year and 77 complaints were received and investigated.

NOTICES AND LETTERS.

Informal	...	...	...	126	Prosecutions	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Verbal	...	...	...	13	Letters received	...	...	4333
Statutory	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	Letters sent	...	...	2424
Notices complied with	...	...	...	219	Persons interviewed at Office	...	...	581

INDEX OF WORKS.

To economise both with paper and detailed work, the index of works executed during the year has again been omitted.

Improvements completed, defects remedied and nuisances abated during the year total 219.

. FACTORIES.

There are 43 Factories in the District. Forty-three visits were paid during the year, 2 informal notices were served and complied with.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

See sub-heading “Slaughter Houses” under paragraph on “Meat and Other Foods.”

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Ninety-two visits were paid to these premises and many improvements were carried out, serving 4 informal notices.

DRAINAGE.

Several drainage systems to new buildings were inspected and approved during the year.

Several systems were reconstructed or additional drains were provided during the alterations or additions to existing buildings.

Drainage systems to 12 premises were relaid, repaired or provided after service of notice.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Four premises were found to be infested. In 2 cases disinfestation was carried out by this Council.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS, 1926 AND 1931.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) AMENDMENT ACT, 1938.

No action was taken in connection with the above Acts.

SHOP INSPECTIONS.

During the year, 22 visits were made to shops where food is prepared or sold, and a number of improvements and alterations effected.

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AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

Plans presented for approval	44
Premises completed	32
Additions and alterations to existing premises completed	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Notices served, Contraventions to Byelaws, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	15
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

(Signed) F. K. KNOWLES,
Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.

CAMPING SITES.

There are now 20 Camping Sites in the District which have been approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Report for 1939 at page 74.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Four pools in this District provide for public bathing and swimming ; the situation of these were enumerated and described in the Report for 1938 (page 130).

SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The question of providing suitable protective clothing for the workmen engaged in scavenging and the provision of better facilities for personal cleanliness at the Depot at Tittle Row are being considered, otherwise there is nothing to add to what appeared in this paragraph in the Report for 1940 in reference to matters in abeyance owing to war conditions.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 1266
 - Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1266
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... Nil
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 126
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 126
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*
 - A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil
 - B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... Nil
 - C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936* Nil
 - D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil
4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*
 - (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... 2
 - (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 4
 - (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 21
 - (b) (i) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported within the year ... Nil
 - (c) (ii) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... Nil
 - (iii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil
 - (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... Nil

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement :—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Retails (Milk Shops, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Licences granted for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...					1
„ „ „ „ Pasteurised Milk	...	...					1
Dairy Farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk	...	...					24
„ „ „ „ Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...					10
Total Number of Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...			77
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	91

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

By Government Order, all slaughter houses in the District have been closed down for the duration of hostilities.

The bulk of meat allocated to the District is sent from Mr. Dudley Sims' slaughter house, Maidenhead, whose premises have been taken over by the Ministry of Food for centralized slaughtering.

The Meat Inspectors of the Borough of Maidenhead and of the Cookham Rural District Council are working a night and week-end duty rota at the above slaughter house, so that every carcase may be inspected.

One hundred and seventy-nine visits were paid during the year to butchers' shops, and Central Slaughter House, Maidenhead.

Seven pigs were slaughtered and inspected at private houses and premises after the owners had procured a licence from the Food Control Office.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption :—

MEAT.

103 lbs. 5 ozs. Pork.

OTHER FOODS.

869 tins Evaporated Milk.	4 tins Peas.
5 tins Condensed Milk.	1 tin Spinach.
2 tins Jam.	2 tins Chopped Ham.
11 tins Baked Beans.	1 tin Ox Tongue.
1 tin Fish Paste.	15 lbs. Tea.
2 tins Salmon.	180 lbs. Chocolate.
4 tins Pilchards	4 lbs. Cheese.
7 tins Plums.	691 lbs. Meat Roll.
5 tins Pineapple.	
1 tin braised Beef and Vegetables.	

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 9 premises in the District where baking of bread is carried on. Generally speaking they are well kept and in no instance was it found necessary to issue formal notices in respect of contraventions of the Acts.

OTHER FOOD SHOPS.

Inspections of all food premises under Section 13 and 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938, where food is prepared, stored or sold, were as follows :

Food Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Contraventions of Section 13 :							
Discovered and Remedied	4
Revisits	66
Premises Registered under Section 14	Nil

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	27,034
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1944	5,310
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	£159,444
Produce of a Penny Rate	£614

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :

(a) Population at middle of 1944	21,240
(b) Population at middle of 1939	19,350

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate							147	178
Illegitimate							9	13
Total							156	191

Live Birth Rate.

16.3 (13.49 in 1939).

Still Births.

							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate							5	1
Illegitimate							2	—
Total							7	1

Still Birth Rate.

0.38 (0.6 in 1939).

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
227	131	146

Death Rate.

13.04 (10.56 in 1939).

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
15	8	7

Infant Death Rate.

43 (22.6 in 1939).

Maternal Deaths.

1 (Nil in 1939).

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.7 (0.3 in 1939).
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.6 (0.3 in 1939).
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.09 (Nil in 1939).

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES						131	146
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	6	6
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	2	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	—	2
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	2
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	1	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	3	4
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	3
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	12	11
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	12	13
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	28	32
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	1	5
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	5	6
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	7
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	4	2
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	1	4
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	3	3
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	6	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	1	4
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	2	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	2	2
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	31	29

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 165 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 3,122 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 3,287.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1944.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever...	0	0	0
Dysentery ...	2 (2)	2	0
Diphtheria ...	2 (2)	2	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ...	0	0	0
Erysipelas ...	2	0	0
Malaria ...	1 (1)	0	0
Measles ...	5 (2)	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	0	0
Pneumonia ...	22 (1)	0	0
Polio-myelitis ...	1	0	0
Puerperal Fever ...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever ...	62 (7)	39	0
Smallpox ...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ...	41	0	1

The figures in brackets () refer to cases occurring in an institution and are included in the preceding number.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1944.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polio-myelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	1	1	4	5	5
Scarlet Fever	—	3	4	2	3	33	9	4	2	1	1	—
Whooping Cough	5	5	5	1	6	17	1	1	—	—	—	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1940-1944.

<i>Disease.</i>	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	2	0	0	0
Dysentery	2	8	3	1	2
Diphtheria	22	7	8	2	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	3	5	1	4	2
Malaria	1	0	4	50	1
Measles	262	501	166	129	5
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	1	1	0	1
Pneumonia	24	16	12	25	22
Polio-myelitis	1	3	0	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	0	2	0
Scarlet Fever	26	53	22	62	62
Smallpox... ..	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	16	123	14	20	41

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year, are set out in the table below.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	1
15—25 „ ...	4	5	2	—	—	4	—	—
25—35 „ ...	6	3	—	—	2	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
45—55 „ ...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	16	10	5	3	6	7	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 14=14.28%.

WATER SUPPLY.

Piped water is available to every Parish, and is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, Aldershot (Parishes of Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Warfield) and by the South West Suburban Water Company, The Causeway, Staines (Parish of Winkfield). Routine monthly samples are taken of the Mid-Wessex Water Company supply and submitted for Bacteriological and Modified Chemical (Hardness) analyses to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Routine quarterly samples of the South West Suburban Water Company supply are taken in conjunction with Windsor R.D.C., Egham U.D.C., Feltham U.D.C., Bagshot R.D.C. and Hayes and Harlington U.D.C. and submitted to the Clinical Research Association, Ltd., for Bacteriological and Chemical Analyses.

<i>Source of Supply.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	(HARDNESS)		(BACTERIOLOGICAL)	
		<i>Satis- factory.</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory.</i>	<i>Satis- factory.</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory.</i>
Mid-Wessex Water Company ...	11	5	6	11	—
South West Sub-urban Water Company ...	19	—	19	18	1

Unsatisfactory (Hardness) means that the water was not softened to the required Statutory maximum of Twelve Degrees (Grains per Gallon).

Miscellaneous water samples are taken from sources of supply other than the Public Mains. Shortage of water and its unsavoury character were the reasons for sampling well supplies as follows :—

Swinley Cottage, Easthampstead ... Analyses good.
 The Splash, West End, Warfield... ... Analyses unsatisfactory.
 Eleven Cottages, Westley Hill, Binfield... Analyses unsatisfactory.

In the latter two cases, negotiations are proceeding to secure a piped supply to the cottages.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The sewerage installations for the Parishes of Binfield, Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Winkfield and the village of Bracknell, have been reviewed at length in previous Reports.

The Rainfall as recorded was :—

Crowthorne and Sandhurst Main Drainage	... — 16.68 ins.
Bracknell ... ..	... — 21.19 ins.

Total flows treated :—

Crowthorne and Sandhurst Main Drainage	— 107,000,000 gals.
Bracknell	— 67,524,000 gals.
Winkfield	— 35,501,000 gals.
Binfield	— Not measured.

Periodical samples of effluent from all works are taken by the Thames Conservancy Board's Inspector and these have satisfied the Board's standards of purity.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

The weekly collection of house refuse and salvage has been maintained but labour and transport difficulties have caused temporary lapses in the service.

Householders and business premises have kept separate salvageable articles : paper, rags, bones, metals, jars, bottles and rubber. Their efforts have produced satisfactory results as follows :—

				<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Paper ... ..	...	...	...	159	6	...	1,042	18	11
Textiles ... ..	...	...	...	16	2	...	250	1	11
Bones ... ..	...	...	...	5	2	...	24	3	6
Glassware ... ..	...	...	...	15	15	...	71	10	0
Metals ... ..	...	...	...	20	17	...	46	5	2
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	...	...	7	19	...	16	18	7
				225	1	...	£1,451	18	1

The urgency of efficient salvage work is as important as ever, particularly with regard to Bones, Paper and Textiles.

The piggery at Bracknell Works continues to be successfully maintained. There were 29 bacon pigs of a total weight of 314 score sent through the Ministry of Food Collecting Centre as a contribution to the Nation's bacon ration and realising £376 5s. 1d.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

It was found necessary to serve the following notices under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936 :—

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

HOUSING.

BUILDING BYE-LAWS AND TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING.

The following is a summary of the plans deposited and action taken under this heading :—

Plans deposited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
„ rejected—Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ —Town and Country Planning						...	...	8
„ deferred—Town and Country Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Court Cases—Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
							(Penalties awarded)	
„ „ —Town and Country Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
							(Decision in Favour of Council)	
Ministry of Town and Country Planning Appeals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(1 disallowed ; 1 settled without hearing ; 1 still in abeyance).								

COUNCIL HOUSES.

The six cottages allotted to this Authority to be built for Agricultural Workers were completed and occupied during 1944.

FOOD INSPECTION.

There is no Government controlled slaughter-house in the District. Meat supplies under Ministry of Food rationing come through the Wholesale Meat Supplies Association, Reading. Home killed meat is killed and inspected at the Public Abattoir, Reading, and the Government controlled Slaughter House, Windsor. Emergency killing done in Easthampstead Rural District is inspected by the Sanitary Inspectors. Meat delivered to local butchers is inspected on request.

Considerable time is devoted to inspections at the request of the Ministry of Food and local shopkeepers, of tinned and dry goods, etc., either in Ministry of Food Buffer Depots or in shops. The following is a table of unsound food seized during the above inspections :—

Home killed meat ...	405 lbs.	Tinned Meats ...	62 tins.
Sausages ...	46 lbs.	Milk ...	390 tins.
Beef and Veal Loaf	76 lbs.	Fish ...	168 tins.
Ham and Brawn ...	351 lbs.	Beans ...	33 tins.
Dried Fruit ...	25 lbs.	Fruit ...	101 tins.
Cheese ...	74 lbs.	Vegetables ...	22 tins.
Flour ...	140 lbs.	Soup ...	17 tins.
Butter ...	7 lbs.	Peas ...	10 tins.
Potatoes ...	672 lbs.	Jam ...	11 tins.
Tea ...	25 lbs.	Horseradish ...	14 jars.
Split Peas ...	19 lbs.	Shredded Wheat ...	1 pkt.
Fish ...	441 lbs.	Eggs ...	8 doz.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

It has been found possible to carry out an increased amount of supervision over milk production in the District and although shortage of labour and materials render the carrying out of structural improvements difficult, some structural improvements have been put in hand on the premises of three milk producers. The number of producers and dairy-men is shown below:—

(1) Producers (Farms) ...	74
(2) Retailers ...	35
(3) Accredited Producers (included in (1) above) ...	10
(4) Tuberculin Tested Producers (included in (1) above) ...	5
(5) Tuberculin Tested Bottling Licences ...	3
(6) Pasteurised Supplementary Licences ...	2
Number of inspections ...	15

RODENT CONTROL.

By direction of the Ministry of Food in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Agriculture and Fisheries, Local Authorities were required to undertake a drive for the extermination of rats and mice from the “built-up” areas in their Districts. The same work for agricultural lands and premises being the duty of the War Agricultural Executive Committees.

Easthampstead Rural District and Windsor Rural District were made a “workable area” for this service and for that purpose appointed Mr. A. E. Day as Rodent Officer. Mr. Day allots his time by working

two weeks in Easthampstead Rural District and one week in Windsor Rural District alternately. During the year Mr. Day has carried out his duties very tactfully and conscientiously with good results. The following is a summary of his work during the year for Easthampstead Rural District :—

Number of infested premises	...	...	...	...	...	116
„ „ major infestations (50-100 rats)	...	...	...	...	...	9
Premises now considered free from infestations	...	...	...	...	...	63
Infestations transferred to B.W.A.E.C.	...	...	...	...	...	4
Visits made for disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	1,162
Premises re-inspected after disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	106
Verified catches of rats	...	...	...	...	...	587
Estimated destroyed by gassing	...	...	...	...	...	682
„ „ „ poison baiting	...	...	...	...	...	250

The methods used are poison baits, poison gas, trapping, ferrets and snares.

Windsor Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1944	2,410
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	£129,007
Produce of a Penny Rate	£525

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of:

(a) Population at middle of 1944	11,260
(b) Population at middle of 1939	9,155

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	88	88
Illegitimate	13	4
Total	101	92

Live Birth Rate.

17.1 (9.61 in 1939).

<i>Still Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	—	—
Total	2	3

Still Birth Rate.

0.44 (0.9 in 1939).

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	155	63	92

Death Rate.

13.8 (11.91 in 1939).

<i>Infants Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	7	4	3

Infant Death Rate.

36 (22 in 1939).

Maternal Deaths.

1 (Nil in 1939).

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

							Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.8	(Nil in 1939)
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.6	(Nil in 1939)
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.2	(Nil in 1939)

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES						63	92
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	5	2
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	1	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	1
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	9	9
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	4	16
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	16	26
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	1	—
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	1	4
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2	2
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	—	3
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	1	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	1
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	—	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	2	3
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	2	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	2	5
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	12	11

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1944.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 111 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 1,461, which makes a grand total of 1,572.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1944.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1944.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	3 (3)	3	0
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	3 (3)	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Malaria ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	50 (42)	4	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	5 (1)	2	0
Polio-encephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis ...	...	...	...	...	1 (1)	0	0
Puerperal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	2 (2)	1	0
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	...	34 (10)	16	0
Smallpox ...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	20 (4)	0	0

The figures in brackets () indicate cases which occurred in an institution ; they are included in the totals given.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1944.													
<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	1	10	27	8	3	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
Polio-myelitis...	...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	2	-	1	2	15	8	2	3	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	3	-	3	8	4	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1940-1944.

<i>Disease.</i>				1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	1	1	2	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	1	6	1	4	3
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	22	14	3
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	0	1	1	2
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	22	407	67	232	50
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	0	1	2	2	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	8	7	6	6	5
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	2	0	0	1
Puerperal Fever...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	3	1	3	5	2
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	10	18	9	56	34
Smallpox...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	8	41	29	52	20

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health

Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1944.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1
5—15 „ ...	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	—	3	—	2	2	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	—
45—55 „ ...	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	1	7	2	7	5	2	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

A description of the Water Supply in this District was given at length in the Report for 1937 at page 194, which need not be repeated as the conditions remain unchanged, and further comments were added in the Report for 1938 at page 202. The chief source of supply is from the public mains of the South-West Suburban Water Company. By an arrangement with the six Districts in this neighbourhood on the same supply, samples from service pipes are taken periodically in rotation and the results of the analysis circulated.

Under the combined sampling arrangements, operating between neighbouring Authorities, 25 Analyst's Reports were received during 1944, on samples of water taken from the public supply. In no case was the water judged to be unfit for drinking purposes. Four of the samples were taken in the Windsor Rural District.

In addition, the water from five wells in the Parish of Old Windsor was sampled, with a view to the possible use of these supplies for emergency purposes. Enquiries made during the previous year revealed the existence of "supplementary water supplies," i.e., wells, springs, lakes, etc., at 110 premises in the District.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The drainage and sewerage of this District has been fully described in previous Reports under this heading and need not be repeated. Mr. E. J. Toy is the Works Manager and Sanitary Superintendent for Sunninghill and Sunningdale, whose address and telephone number are "Mascal," Ascot; Ascot 357.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As mentioned in previous Reports, Wet Scavenging, i.e., emptying of cesspools, is still carried out in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale at the few houses which have not yet been connected to the public sewer, most of these being so situated that connection is impossible. The Parish of Old Windsor is not sewered.

Dry Scavenging, i.e., removal of house refuse, is carried out in all three parishes and combined with it there is a well organised Salvaging Scheme for the recovery of useable waste materials.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1944, is reproduced below.

Council Offices,
Bowden Road, Sunninghill.
(Tel. Ascot 893.)

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

Under various headings, I submit below a brief account of the Public Health Work carried out in this District during the year 1944. It will, I feel, be realised that the record is by no means exhaustive owing to the continued disturbance of peace time curriculum and methods.

Local experience does not suggest that any real fillip has been given to Housing (repairs and reconditioning) so far as Housing of the Working

Classes is concerned, by Ministry of Health Circular 2871. Under this Circular, Essentiality Certificates were issued in 14 cases and application refused in one case only of the 14 issued, 2 only applied to premises occupied by persons of the Working Class. Two partly finished houses, certified in 1943, are now nearing completion and will constitute a small but very acceptable contribution to the District's "Housing Problems." Further "Housing" details are given under a separate paragraph.

Milk has continued to receive the Councils earnest attention, and the more detailed reference made elsewhere, is indicative of an attempt to check up on the purity of supplies.

The employment of a part-time Rodent Operative has been fully justified by the demand for disinfestation services. Fortunately, no major infestations exist in the area, but the so-called "minor" type provide adequate scope for baiting, gassing and trapping, and these methods are efficiently used.

One hundred and forty cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year. This figure includes all types and all cases occurring amongst Military and Institutional personnel. Disinfection of rooms and contents is carried out where necessary.

The Water Supply of the District has been kept at a satisfactory level of purity, and analysts' Reports are submitted to the Council monthly.

A summarised list of inspections is appended hereto, but work specifically connected with the National Emergency, e.g., War Damage Repairs, Requisitioned Properties, etc., is not referred to in this Report.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS in connection with :

Dwelling houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	135
Drainage work	...	...	50
Infectious disease	...	...	50
Cowsheds and dairies	...	...	30
Factories and workshops	...	...	1
Shop premises	...	...	22
Food stores (others)	...	...	48
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	...	...	2
Water courses	...	...	8
Miscellaneous (Interviews, etc.)	...	...	59
Rats and Mice	...	...	15
Water supply	...	...	4
Council houses	...	...	60
Food sampling	...	...	55

NOTICES.

Eighty-two Informal Notices were given during the year (including verbal) ; the majority were complied with by the year's end, but owing to emergency work a complete check has not been possible.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,
Sanitary Inspector.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1944.

The following is a summary of Building activities, etc., during the year ended 31st December, 1944 :—

<i>Plans deposited during 1944.</i>						<i>Approved.</i>	<i>Rejected.</i>
New buildings	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
Alterations and additions			...	...	...	7	2
Change of user	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	6	1
Lay-out	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Inspections made		...	...	...	...	49	0

In view of the Government's sustained appeal for restricted use of materials and labour for property maintenance purposes, the Council has discontinued, for the war period, the general maintenance policy as to Council houses, referred to in the Report for 1939, page 127.

At Council houses, 60 inspections were made for the purpose of effecting repairs and decorations where necessary.

A proposal to substitute a brick wall for the very dilapidated fencing surrounding 20 of the Council's houses at Ascot, was abandoned in 1943, approval to expenditure being refused. A similar proposal affecting houses at Sunningdale failed this year for the same reason. Meanwhile the boundary fencing at these estates presents a lamentable picture, and the solution is not easy to find. Post-war Housing Schemes are being formulated for South Ascot and Sunningdale, and the Council have conferred with representatives from Women's Institutes on matters affecting general planning.

Matters relating to War Emergency work are excluded from this Report.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,
Building Inspector.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

In all, 22 visits were paid to shop premises, excluding food shops, during 1944. Cleanliness was fairly well maintained and it may be said that no shops in this District, employing staff, are now without means for maintaining a reasonable temperature and healthy atmosphere, and in all cases sanitary conveniences are available.

Fuel Control naturally added to the difficulties associated with temperature control, and at times the best had to be made of a bad job in this particular respect.

CAMPING SITES.

There is one Licensed Camping Site in the District at Ascot. Other unlicensed sites are used from time to time, but in view of the acute shortage of dwellings no statutory action is taken provided a nuisance is not created.

It may perhaps be appropriately mentioned here that under an agreement entered into in 1942 between the Windsor Borough Council (as land owners) and the Windsor Rural District Council (as the Local Authority), under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, the use of certain bungalows on Ham Island as permanent dwellings is limited to the summer months only, unless specifically licensed for continuous use during the months October to April (inclusive). Sixteen licences, as above, are at present in force.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The above subjects were commented upon in the Report for 1939, pages 128-129.

The provision of scavenging and other public services for that outlying portion of the District situated on Friary Island is still an unsolved problem as the Island can be approached only by a long detour—some $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles—through the neighbouring Rural District of Eton (Bucks). Negotiations have been in progress for some time with the Bucks Local Authorities to take over the work, but so far no definite conclusion has been reached.

During the year under review, however, a partial solution has been found by way of an arrangement with an adjacent Local Authority whereby they undertake the Scavenging at some three or four premises which can be reached via a foot bridge at the southern end of the Island. At the same time, attempts have been made to persuade the Developer to provide suitable and safe means of access to the Island for the Council's vehicles, but these have met with no success. The long-standing question of sewerage the Parish of Old Windsor has engaged the special attention of the Council during 1944, and Consulting Engineers are now engaged on the preparation of a scheme.

HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 53
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 135
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... 15
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 41
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 53
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 47
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*
 - A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* Nil

C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil

One agricultural cottage, the subject of a certificate (under Order in Council dated July 2nd, 1940) allowing its use as a dwelling, as a war-time measure, was repaired during the year by the owners, following a temporary withholding of the certificate.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year under review, meat for this District has been supplied from animals slaughtered at the Government Slaughter House at Windsor, which means that none of the five slaughter houses in the District have been in use, apart from occasional killing by cottagers and others, under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat Scheme.

The following articles have been examined and voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human food, in all possible cases the foods are used for animal feeding stuffs :—

Canned Products.

Carrots	...	...	2 tins.
Milk	...	...	55 tins.
Soup	...	...	1 tin.
Pork and Beans	...	...	110 tins.
Jam	...	...	17 tins.
Meat	...	...	39 tins.
Fish	...	...	63 tins.
Fruit	...	...	13 tins.
Peas	...	...	2 tins.
Cocoa	...	...	6 tins.

Fresh Products.

Cheese	...	...	48 lbs.
Oats	...	...	20 lbs.
Meat	...	...	188 lbs.
Fish	...	...	1,052 lbs.
Eggs	...	...	81

Wokingham Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1944	8,840
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	£250,567
Produce of a Penny Rate	£1,150

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :

(a) Population at middle of 1944	33,470
(b) Population at middle of 1939	26,210

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	286	276	
Illegitimate	16	17	
Total	302	293	

Live Birth Rate.

17.8 (15.4 in 1939).

Still Births.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	5	6
Illegitimate	—	1
Total	5	7

Still Birth Rate.

0.36 (0.5 in 1939).

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
354	167	187

Death Rate.

10.6 (10.8 in 1939).

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
20	11	9

Infant Death Rate.

34 (32 in 1939).

Maternal Deaths.

2 (3 in 1939).

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.2	(0.3 in 1939).
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0.2	(0.3 in 1939).
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	0.06	(0.04 in 1939).

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES						167	187
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	2
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	1	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	1
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	5	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	4	1
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	3	4
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	1	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	2
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	1	8
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	15	21
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	11	28
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	43	37
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	5	8
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	9	3
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2	7
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	2	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	1
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	7	4
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	10	7
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	1
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	2	3
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	4	2
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	2	4
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	4	3
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	29	27

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 299 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 3,979, making a grand total of 4,278.

The following tables summarise the position in regard to notifiable infectious diseases during the year :—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1944.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	1	1	0
Diphtheria ...	17 (7)	17	1
Dysentery ...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ...	1 (1)	0	0
Erysipelas ...	10	0	0
Malaria ...	2 (1)	1	0
Measles ...	15 (2)	2	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	0	0
Pneumonia ...	26 (1)	1	1
Polio-myelitis ...	2	1	0
Puerperal Fever ...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	0	0
Scarlet Fever ...	104 (46)	71	0
Smallpox ...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ...	70	0	0

Brackets () indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1944.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	1	1	1	1	3	—	5	4	1	—	—	—
Enteric Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Measles ...	2	1	1	1	—	6	—	1	1	2	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	1	3	8	7	—
Polio-myelitis ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	3	9	1	28	12	40	7	4	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	2	12	8	12	12	20	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	3	3	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1940-1944.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>1940.</i>	<i>1941.</i>	<i>1942.</i>	<i>1943.</i>	<i>1944.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	7	5	0	2	1
Diphtheria	63	11	6	12	17
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	1
Erysipelas	17	2	0	5	10
Malaria	0	1	0	0	2
Measles	145	680	58	408	15
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	1	1	0	1
Pneumonia	21	41	67	27	26
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	1	3	1	0	2
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	0	1	2	2
Scarlet Fever	49	55	106	134	104
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	12	226	30	43	70

TUBERCULOSIS.

[It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	6	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
45—55 „ ...	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
<i>Totals</i> ...	19	12	2	2	6	1	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 8=25%.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply has been generally satisfactory except in one or two areas, chiefly in the supply area of the Mid-Wessex Company. During the summer a number of wells ran dry and overground pipes were laid to stand-pipes to supply certain premises in the Parishes of Finchampstead and Wokingham Without. The Broadcommon area of Hurst and the Farley Hill area of Swallowfield had also to be supplied with water by means of static tanks, which, together with static tanks fixed at the Council Houses in Trowes Lane and Riseley Banks, will probably have to remain until main water is available.

The quantity of water available is ample for the needs of the District, but the storage capacity of the reservoirs is entirely inadequate, and a breakdown of the pumping plant for more than three or four hours during the period of maximum demand would result in large parts of the District being entirely without water supplies.

Main water is laid on to about 7,000 houses out of a total of 8,800, or 80% of the total. The remaining 20% are supplied by wells, mainly shallow.

The following bacteriological examinations of water were made during the year :—

(1) Raw piped water	...	...	...	...	...	9
(2) Treated piped water	...	...	...	...	...	14
(3) Raw well water	...	...	...	...	...	25

The results of these examinations were as follows :—

- (1) 7 satisfactory ; 2 unfit.
- (2) 14 satisfactory.
- (3) 9 satisfactory ; 7 passable ; 9 unfit.

The necessary action was taken on the “ unfit ” samples.

During the year 76 new services were laid.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

About 86% of the houses in the area are not connected to the sewers.

During the year the Engineer's Department has had to cope with almost insuperable difficulties with regard to cesspool emptying, owing to shortage of labour. Cesspools have been overflowing literally in hundreds. The Ministry of Labour and National Service and the Ministry of Health have been appealed to, but they have not been able to help.

DRY SCAVENGING.

The collection of salvage and refuse has been maintained during the year on a fortnightly basis throughout the whole of the District. This has only been accomplished by the depleted staff working a great deal of over-time, as labour and transport shortage have been very acute..

The disposal of the salvage which is dealt with at one central depot, has been very satisfactory. Mr. Evans, Salvage Officer, reports that the amounts and value of the salvage disposed of are as follows :—

<i>Weight.</i>				<i>Value.</i>		
<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>			£	s.	d.
367	1	...	...	1,981	16	7

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector for the year 1944.

Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham, Berks.
March, 1945.

Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health,
"The Wilderness," Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1944.

The total number of visits made during the year was 4,084, apportioned as below :

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	276
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	148
„ „ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	139
„ „ visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	228
„ „ „ „ „ water supply	...	...	...	...	...	378
„ „ samples of well water analysed	...	...	...	...	...	25
„ „ „ „ „ „ classified as good	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ passable	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ unfit	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ „ visits to dwelling houses	...	...	...	...	...	763
„ „ „ to moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	64
„ „ „ to factories	...	...	...	...	...	24
„ „ „ to shop premises under Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	126
„ „ „ to cafes, restaurants and hotels, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	27
„ „ „ to dairy farms and dairies	...	...	...	...	...	256
„ „ „ to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	834
„ „ „ to schools	...	...	...	...	...	29
„ „ miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	1,321
„ „ premises at which disinfestation for vermin was carried out	...	...	...	...	...	9

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

Four notifications of suspected cases were received under this Order, but these were not subsequently confirmed.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ORDER, 1928.

A notification was received from the Police of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease amongst pigs at University Farm, Sonning.

FOOD INSPECTION.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers : Number of Farms	...	...	...	118
Retail Producers—Number of Farms	...	...	...	36
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	16

Tuberculin Tested. *Accredited.* *Pasteurised.*

Number Licensed :

Producers	...	...	...	...	16	36	Nil
Producers and Retailers		...	...	...	3	6	Nil
Distributors (Retail Purveyors)			...	...	2	Nil	1
Supplementary	...	...	...	...	3	Nil	2
Total number of Dairy Farms			...	...	...	...	154
Contravention of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Number of Inspections		...	...	...	...	...	256

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters :

Contraventions under Factory Act discovered	...	...	2
“ “ “ remedied	...	...	2

BUTCHERS' PREMISES.

Six hundred and seven visits were made to butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with the registration of these premises under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

UN SOUND FOOD.

Beef (English) ...	62 lbs.	Milk ...	492 tins.
Ox Heads & Tongues	182 lbs.	Fish ...	32 tins.
Ox Liver ...	33 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	Meat ...	34 tins.
Ox Lungs ...	64 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Spam ...	5 tins.
Bacon ...	95 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	Jam ...	21 tins.
Pigs' Heads ...	50 lbs.	Various Foodstuffs ...	38 tins.
Pigs' Liver ...	8 lbs.	Eggs ...	23
Pigs' Plucks ...	25 lbs.	Oranges ...	221
Pork ...	45 lbs.	Dried Egg ...	2 pkts.
Ham ...	5 lbs.		
Sheeps' Livers (im- ported) ...	49 lbs.		
Fish ...	26 lbs.		
Sausages ...	34 lbs.		
Cheese ...	6 lbs.		
Potatoes ...	168 lbs.		
Carrots ...	336 lbs.		
Custard Powder ...	34 lbs.		
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10 cwts. 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.			

The carcasses of 198 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected.

(Signed) W. L. LONGHURST,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING.

The following particulars have been supplied by Mr. Stanley E. Hayward, who is in charge of the Building Surveyor's Department, through the absence of Mr. Tween, Building Surveyor, on Military Service.

Plans for 67 buildings of various categories were submitted for the Council's consideration ; 9 of these were disapproved under the Building Byelaws. The new dwellings erected were for essential workers and licenses were granted by the Regional Planning Officer.

Number of plans deposited :

For new buildings	...	20
For alterations and additions to existing buildings	...	45
Number of new buildings erected	...	Nil
For proposed Estate Development	...	2

The number of dwelling houses erected and owned by the District Council remains at 410.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1926.

Two applications were received during the year under the above Act, and the maximum grant of £100 was allowed in each case.

REQUISITIONED HOUSES.

One hundred and forty-eight houses have been requisitioned since 1940 for housing essential workers, evacuated families and families found to be living under insanitary conditions ; 9 of these, being no longer required, have been released, leaving 55 still occupied for the reasons stated.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	247
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	494
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	6
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	13
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	64

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	70
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	2
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(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :		
(a) By Owners	1	
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	1	
B. <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts :</i>		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3	
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :		
(a) By Owners	3	
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil	
C. <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2	
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil	
D. [<i>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936</i>	Nil	
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.</i>		
(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	10	
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	15	
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	75½	
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	4	
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	5	
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	39½	
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding...	Nil	
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	Nil	

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report for summary.

